GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER SHARING DISPUTES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up an empowered group to look into specifics of various water sharing disputes;

(b) if so, by when this group is likely to be set up alongwith its powers and functions;

(c) the number of water disputes arising between States and how many are pending with the Government; and

(d) to what extent this group would be helpful in setling water disputes expeditiously?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (d) Do not arise.

(c) The details of the inter-state water sharing disputes referred to the Union Government under Inter-State Water Disputes Act 1956 are as follows:

Sl.No.	River/Rivers	States concerned
1.	Ravi & Beas	Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan
2.	Cauvery	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry
3.	Madei/Mandovi/Mahadayi	Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra
4.	Krishna	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra

The water disputes related to Ravi & Beas, Cauvery and Krishna have been referred to the Tribunals for adjudication in 1985, 1990 & 2004 respectively. In respect of Madei/Mandovi water dispute, the Ministry (WR) convened an inter-state meeting during December, 2002, during which it was decided that Government of Goa and Central Water Commission would make joint efforts to reconcile the discrepancies in the data and in yield figure.